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AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: SOVIET-CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA
NL1. AS AFRICAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA ACCELERATES WE BELIEVE AFRICAN STATES, PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO SHARE OUR APPRECIATION OF DANGER OF SOVIET/CUBAN INFLUENCE IN A;GOLA SHOULD DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO EXERT EFFECTIVE PRESSURE BOTH ON MPLA AND THOSE AFRICAN STATES CLOSEST TO IT, E.G. MOZAMBIQUE, NIGERIA, GHANA, TO PERSUADE MPLA OF NECESSITY TO REDUCE AND ELIMINATE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND TO START PROCESS OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

2. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS AT HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN HOST GOVERNMENT. WE INCLUDE TANZANIA BECAUSE OF NYERERE'S REPORTED CONCERN ABOUT SOVIET INFLUENCE.

A. WE ASSUME THAT NEARLY ALL AFRICAN STATES WILL SHORTLY RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT. WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES WILL PROBABLY DO LIKEWISE ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF THEY HELD OFF SOMEWHAT LONGER.

B. AS WE LOOK AT NEXT STAGE OF ANGOLAN SITUATION WE

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RECALL THAT NEARLY ALL AFRICAN STATES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY RECOGNIZED MPLA EARLIER, SHOWED CONCERN OVER EXTENT OF POSSIBLE SOVIET/CUBAN INFLUENCE IN FUTURE. IN SOME CASES ONE JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOGNITION OF MPLA WAS TO PROVIDE COUNTERBALANCE TO THAT INFLUENCE AND TO BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO PERSUADE MPLA OF ITS CONSEQUENCES.

C. AS HOST COUNTRY KNOWS THIS HAS BEEN PRIMARY PREOCCUPA-

TION OF USG WHICH DID NOT OPPOSE MPLA PER SE.

D. THEREFORE WE URGE THAT HOST GOVERNMENT USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH MPLA EITHER DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO BRING ABOUT END TO THIS MASSIVE FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN AFRICA, ESPECIALLY FOREIGN TROOP PRESENCE. MPLA OFFICIALS HAVE PUBLICLY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO THIS OBJECTIVE AND CLAIMED THAT ANGOLA WILL BE NATIONALIST AND NON-ALIGNED.

E. WE ALSO EARNESTLY HOPE THAT THEY WILL USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE THE BEGINNING OF RECONCILIATION OF ANGOLAN PEOPLE BY CREATING BROAD-BASED GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD ALSO ELIMINATE PRETEXT FOR CONTINUED SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE.

3. IT SEEMS TO US THAT, FOR THE FUTURE OF AFRICA, THESE SHOULD BE PRIMARY AFRICAN GOALS NOW THAT MPLA HAS APPARENTLY WON MILITARY VICTORY.

4. FOR DAKAR, ABIDJAN, LIBREVILLE, BANGUI. SUGGEST YOU ADD AN ADDITIONAL TALKING POINT TO EFFECT THAT WE ASSUME THEY SHARE OUR HOPE THAT CUBAN/SOUTH AFRICAN HOSTILITIES BE AVOIDED IF WE ARE TO PREVENT CONFLAGRATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. REMOVAL OF CUBAN TROOPS WOULD BE BEST ASSURANCE OF THAT.

5. INFO POSTS: YOU MAY USE ABOVE TALKING POINTS (PARA 2) DISCREETLY IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES. WE MINDFUL THAT ESPECIALLY NIGERIA, GHANA AND SUDAN, EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THEIR RECOGNITION WOULD GIVE THEM INFLUENCE WITH MPLA TO ASSURE THAT ANGOLA WOULD NOT BE DOMINATED BY SOVIETS AND THAT MPLA WOULD HAVE OTHER PLACES TO TURN TO FOR ADVICE
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AND, IN CASE OF NIGERIA, MATERIAL ASSISTANCE. INGERSOLL

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